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**EQUATORIAL GUINEA ADVANCES RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY DURING KOREA SUMMIT**

MALABO (August 13, 2010) — As part of Equatorial Guinea's (Republica de Guinea Ecuatorial) efforts to advance its relations with the international community, President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo is making an official visit to Korea.

President Obiang will meet with President Lee Myung-bak for a summit to support cooperation efforts in the energy and infrastructure construction areas, reported a Korean official. This is President Obiang's first visit to Korea since the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1979.

As part of a broader effort by the government of Equatorial Guinea to improve the country's infrastructure for its citizens, President Obiang and President Lee will meet to coordinate efforts on different sectors such as gas, petroleum, energy and infrastructure. The presidents will also talk about how Korea's development experience can help Equatorial Guinea with its "Horizon 2020" development plan.

Equatorial Guinea has done considerable work toward upgrading and enhancing the country's infrastructure, such as investing in a new network system for sewage and wastewater treatment and rainwater drainage in the city of Malabo.

About Equatorial Guinea

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea (República de Guinea Ecuatorial) is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa, and one of the smallest nations on the continent. In the late-1990s, American companies helped discover the country's oil and natural gas resources, which only within the last five years began contributing to the global energy supply. Equatorial Guinea is now working to serve as a pillar of stability and security in its region of West Central Africa. The country will host the 2011 Summit of the African Union. For more information, visit <http://www.guineaequatorialpress.com>.

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SOUTH KOREA INCREASES INVESTMENT IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA

SEOUL, (13 August 2010) – Equatorial Guinea's President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, on his first trip to Korea since the two allies formed diplomatic ties three decades ago, has met with Korea's President Lee Myung-bak during a bilateral summit in Seoul, Korea. President Obiang said the agreements reached at the meetings in Korea will be of great benefit—technologically and economically—to both nations.

President Lee mentioned his expectation for Korean investments to move forward in Equatorial Guinea, while President Obiang asked Korean businesses to take advantage of the country's vast opportunities in natural resources, including oil, gas and agriculture. Equatorial Guinea's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pastor Micha Ondo Bile, also participated in the summit.

The leaders of Equatorial Guinea and Korea also agreed to cooperate in infrastructure and energy development projects, which will help to diversify Equatorial Guinea's industries for its citizens. The two leaders intend to "promote bilateral exchanges in technologies and human resources to foster closer economic ties," according to the *Korea Times*. Equatorial Guinea has the fastest growing economy and is the third-largest oil producer in Sub-Saharan Africa.

President Lee praised Equatorial Guinea's efforts towards its social, economic and infrastructure plans. The leaders discussed how Korea's development experience can help Equatorial Guinea with its "Horizon 2020" development plan to help the African nation with its education and construction of infrastructure efforts. During President Obiang's four-day stay, he is scheduled to visit Korea's energy facilities before departing to China.

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**EQUATORIAL GUINEA ADVANCES PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH EDUCATION
Country Also Welcomes New UNICEF Representative**

MALABO (August 17, 2010) – Equatorial Guinea's (Republica de Guinea Ecuatorial) Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Sanitary Prevention Department launched a cholera and measles vaccination campaign in an effort to further improve health services for the nation's citizens.

Health centers in Malabo have expanded their immunization programs and launched a vaccination campaign for pregnant women and children up to 5 years of age. President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo said the vaccination campaign will improve the quality of health care and be of great benefit to the people of Equatorial Guinea.

Another effort to improve the quality of life for children was the arrival of new UNICEF representative for Equatorial Guinea, Aboubacar Saibou. The State Secretary for International Cooperation, Victoriana Nehama Nsue Okomo, received his credentials during the meeting where he explained that UNICEF's plan of action is to work closely with the government to address child- and education-related issues.

UNICEF Representative Aboubacar said: "Our goal in Equatorial Guinea is to support the government in reducing children issues and working on health and social protection areas to promote the rights of children and women and improve the quality of education. Our job is to take measures to protect children and women in the country."

During the hearing, Aboubacar was accompanied by deputy, Eduardo Rodriguez and UNICEF Information Officer, Felipe Esono Croner.

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